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For: METHOD FOR FERMENTATION AND
CULTIVATION, FERMENTED PLANT
EXTRACT, FERMENTED PLANT
EXTRACT POWDER, AND
COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE
EXTRACT OF FERMENTED PLANT

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

The reference CA listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited in the Examination Report dated September 29, 2009, issued in the corresponding New Zealand patent application No. 546551.

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